



Office of the Vice President
for Research

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Mr. Daniel M. Hull
President
Principal Investigator for STEP II
CORD
601 Lake Air Drive
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Dear Mr. Hull:

This letter is to give my strong support to the STEP II project (STEP – Science and Technological Education in Photonics).

Photonics education lags behind in the United States. Photonics is a “clean” technology with a bright future that deserves clearly articulated education programs and builds bridges to other fields of technology. The STEP curriculum potentially addresses serious curricular needs for workforce education for the more than 150 optics/photonics companies in Florida, as well as many hundreds of companies nationwide.

If this project is funded, I will provide technical expertise to assist with any of the elements listed on the overview document. In addition, I will use the educational resources developed to implement photonics training in our region.

I look forward to serving on the technical/advisory board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Soileau'.

M.J. Soileau
Vice President for Research